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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

FARWICK *ET AL.*

Group Art Unit: 1652

Application Serial No.: 09/834,722

Examiner: C. FRONDA

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Title: NEW NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES WHICH CODE FOR THE MENE GENE

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**DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDAPEST TREATY**

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Sir:


I, Thomas A. Cawley, Jr., hereby state as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record for the above-identified patent application, and as such I am authorized to act on behalf of Degussa AG, the assignee of the application.
2. Degussa AG is the assignee of the above-identified patent application as evidenced by an assignment from the inventors to Degussa AG (see enclosed copy).
3. *Escherichia coli* strain Top10/pCR2.1menEint was deposited with the Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on February 23, 2001, and assigned accession no. DSM 14080.
4. DSM is a depository in accordance with the Budapest Treaty for the above-deposited cultures. Should the cells mutate, become non-viable, non-functional, or be inadvertently destroyed, the assignee will replace such cells for at least thirty years from the date of the original deposit, or for at least five years from the date of the most recent request for release of a sample, or for the enforceable life of any patent issued on the above-identified application, whichever period is longest.

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In consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, to wit:

INSERT
NAME(S) OF
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the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the undersigned who at the request of, hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto:

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(hereinafter designated "ASSIGNEE") the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. 100, in the invention and all applications including any and all divisions, continuations, substitutes, and reissues thereof; and all resulting patents, known as

TITLE OF
INVENTION

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for which the undersigned executed an application for Letters Patents of the United States of America:

NOTE → →

(Complete

line A, B and/or C)

(A) ☐ even date herewith

(B) ☐ on

(C) ☒ in U.S. Appln. No. 09/834,722

filed April 16, 2001

AND the undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the said ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; the undersigned agree(s) that the attorney of record in said application shall hereinafter act on behalf of said ASSIGNEE;

AND the undersigned hereby agree(s) to testify and execute any papers for ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, deemed essential by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNEE'S full protection and title in and to the invention hereby transferred.

NOTE → → The undersigned hereby authorize(s) Pillsbury Winthrop LLP of the above address to insert hereon any further identification necessary or desirable for recordation of this document.

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BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE

INTERNATIONAL FORM

Degussa AG
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33790 Halle/Künsebeck

RECEIPT IN THE CASE OF AN ORIGINAL DEPOSIT
issued pursuant to Rule 7.1 by the
INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY
identified at the bottom of this page

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MICROORGANISM	
Identification reference given by the DEPOSITOR: Top 10/pCR2.1menEint	Accession number given by the INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY: DSM 14080
II. SCIENTIFIC DESCRIPTION AND/OR PROPOSED TAXONOMIC DESIGNATION	
The microorganism identified under I. above was accompanied by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (X) a scientific description <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (X) a proposed taxonomic designation (Mark with a cross where applicable).	
III. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE	
This International Depositary Authority accepts the microorganism identified under I. above, which was received by it on 2001-02-23 (Date of the original deposit) ¹ .	
IV. RECEIPT OF REQUEST FOR CONVERSION	
The microorganism identified under I above was received by this International Depositary Authority on (date of original deposit) and a request to convert the original deposit to a deposit under the Budapest Treaty was received by it on (date of receipt of request for conversion).	
V. INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY	
Name: DSMZ-DEUTSCHE SAMMLUNG VON MIKROORGANISMEN UND ZELLKULTUREN GmbH Address: Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig	Signature(s) of person(s) having the power to represent the International Depositary Authority or of authorized official(s):  Date: 2001-02-26

¹ Where Rule 6.4 (d) applies, such date is the date on which the status of international depositary authority was acquired.


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VIABILITY STATEMENT

issued pursuant to Rule 10.2 by the
INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY
identified at the bottom of this page

I. DEPOSITOR	II. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MICROORGANISM
Name: Degussa AG Kantstr. 2 Address: 33790 Halle/Künsebeck	Accession number given by the INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY: DSM 14080 Date of the deposit or the transfer ¹ : 2001-02-23
III. VIABILITY STATEMENT	
The viability of the microorganism identified under II above was tested on 2001-02-23 ² . On that date, the said microorganism was (X) ³ viable () ³ no longer viable	
IV. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE VIABILITY TEST HAS BEEN PERFORMED ⁴	
V. INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY	
Name: DSMZ-DEUTSCHE SAMMLUNG VON MIKROORGANISMEN UND ZELLKULTUREN GmbH Address: Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig	Signature(s) of person(s) having the power to represent the International Depositary Authority or of authorized official(s):  Date: 2001-02-26

- ¹ Indicate the date of original deposit or, where a new deposit or a transfer has been made, the most recent relevant date (date of the new deposit or date of the transfer).
² In the cases referred to in Rule 10.2(a) (ii) and (iii), refer to the most recent viability test.
³ Mark with a cross the applicable box.
⁴ Fill in if the information has been requested and if the results of the test were negative.